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March 7, 2008

Mr. Scott Couch  
Division of Financial Assistance  
State Water Resources Control Board  
10061 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Couch:

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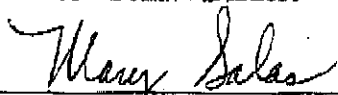
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Sincerely,




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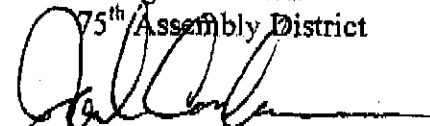
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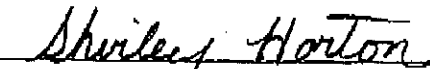
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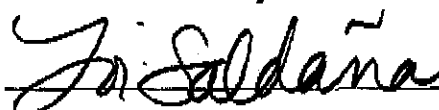
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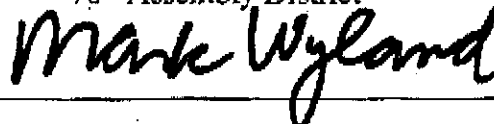
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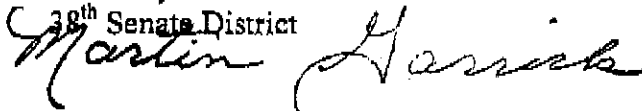
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Ms. Tracie Billington  
 Department of Water Resources  
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 P.O. Box 942836  
 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

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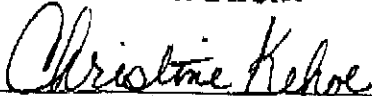
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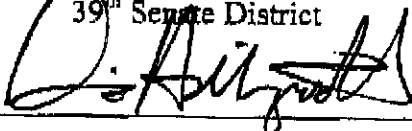
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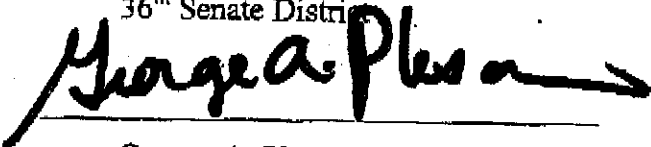
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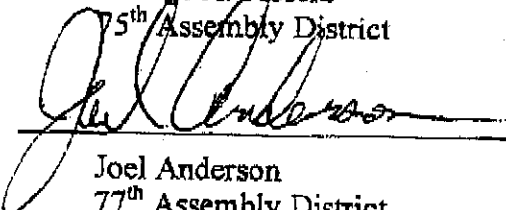
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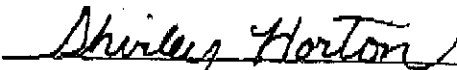
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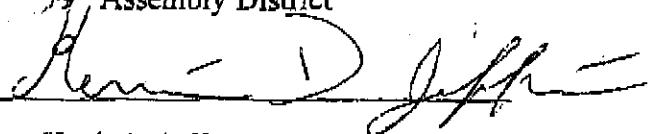
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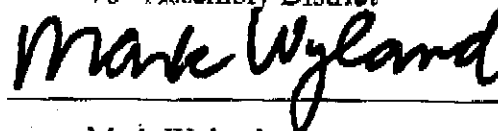
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